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How Media Can Influence Public Perceptions of Mental Illnesses and What You Can Do About It

Free training and lunch for

- Reporters
- Mental health consumers and peers
- First responders
- Mental health providers
- Caregivers
- Anyone interested

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A training for individuals interested in seeing more accurate reporting on issues related to mental illness in the news. Anyone interested in improving public understanding of mental illness, wellness and recovery is invited.

Social stigma against people with mental illness is alive and well in Washington State, creating barriers to recovery and wellness for thousands of individuals. As a person informed on mental health issues, you know first-hand the harm discrimination causes. Since public perceptions are shaped by popular and news media, this training will help raise awareness of the ways in which media characterizations can be inaccurate, how language shapes community attitudes and, on how to work successfully with local media organizations to provide accurate information about mental health.

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DATE: **Thursday, September 24, 2009**

TIME: **9:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: **Washington State Criminal Justice
Training Commission
19010 1st Avenue South
Room 250 A and B
Burien, Washington 98148**

DEADLINE for registration: **Friday, September 11, 2009**

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